The Garden Gate

Find the parts of a story, then write your own.

2.3.W.1 "Students will write narratives incorporating characters, plot (i.e., beginning, middle, end), and a basic setting (i.e., time, place)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell when and where the story happens, and circle each character the first time you see them. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside the paragraphs to show the beginning, middle, and end.

Nia's Seeds

1 On Saturday morning, Nia and her dad went to the town garden. Nia carried a small bag of seeds. A gust of wind blew the bag from her hand. It landed beyond the garden fence.

2 Nia ran to the gate, but it was stuck. Her dad held the gate while Nia pulled a vine away from its latch. The gate swung open. Nia hurried down the path and saw her bag under a bush.

3 She picked up the bag and checked inside. The seeds were still there! Nia and her dad planted them in a sunny patch of dirt. Nia pressed the dirt down gently. Then they walked home for lunch.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who is in the story? When and where does it happen?

2. What problem starts the story? What does Nia do in the middle?

3. How does the story end after Nia finds the bag?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new story in five sentences. Name a character, tell when and where the story happens, and show a problem at the beginning, an action in the middle, and an ending.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell when and where the story happens, and circle each character the first time you see them. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside the paragraphs to show the beginning, middle, and end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is in the story? When and where does it happen?	**Nia and her dad are at the town garden on Saturday morning.**
2	What problem starts the story? What does Nia do in the middle?	**The wind blows Nia's bag of seeds beyond the fence. Nia pulls a vine from the gate's latch so she can open it.**
3	How does the story end after Nia finds the bag?	**Nia finds that the seeds are still in the bag. She and her dad plant them, then walk home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On a rainy afternoon, Leo went to the library with his aunt. He could not find the book he wanted. Leo asked the librarian for help. They looked on a cart and found the book there. Leo checked it out and read it at home.

For the marking task, accept circles around Nia and dad, an underline under Saturday morning and town garden, and paragraph numbers 1, 2, and 3. In the new story, look for five sentences with a character, a time and place, a problem, an action, and an ending.